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REF: A) BRUSSELS 4128) B) PARIS 9897; C) USUN 1503;
D) USUN 1526; E) SECSTATE 96467

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.
2. SUMMARY. BELGIAN FONMIN CLAES MET WITH BOUTROS-GHALI

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
REVIEW AUTHORITY: ARCHIE M BOLSTER
CLASSIFICATION: CONFIDENTIAL REASON: 1.4(B), 1.4(D)
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IN GERMANY 4/12 TO URGE QUICK DECISION ON UNAMIR'S FUTURE. CLAES STRESSED PEACEKEEPING MANDATE IMPOSSIBLE IN CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES. BELGIAN PARATROOPERS EXPECTED TO BE IN KIGALI AT LEAST UNTIL SOME TIME ON 4/14. BELGIAN AMBASSADOR HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN, BUT FIVE DIPLOMATIC STAFF OF EMBASSY STILL OPERATING FROM AIRPORT AT KIGALI, AND WILL LEAVE AT END OF EVACUATION OPERATION.

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END SUMMARY

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3. AT 1000 AM LOCAL TIME 4/14, POLCOUNS SPOKE TO LODE WILLEMS, CHEF DE CABINET TO FONMIN CLAES ABOUT SITUATION IN RWANDA AND FUTURE OF UNAMIR. WILLEMS SAID CLAES MET WITH UNSYG BOUTROS-GHALI IN GERMANY 4/13. CLAES STRESSED BELGIUM DID NOT WANT TO TAKE A UNILATERAL BELGIAN DECISION ON ITS TROOPS WITH UNAMIR. BELGIUM, HOWEVER, SAW PEACEKEEPING AS IMPOSSIBLE'EQW"QQ:Q

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4. BOUTROS-GHALI RESPONDED THAT HE NEEDED A REPORT FROM UNAMIR FORCE COMMANDER DALLAIRE BEFORE HE WOULD MAKE A RECOMMENDATION/REPORT TO THE UNSC. HE SAID HE HAD ASKED DALLAIRE FOR SUCH A REPORT. HE PROMISED TO TELEPHONE CLAES IN BRUSSELS (CLAES RETURNS TO BRUSSELS THIS AFTERNOON FROM A COUNCIL OF EUROPE MEETING AND MEETING WITH ARAFAT IN STRASBOURG) AT 2300 BRUSSELS TIME ON THIS ISSUE.

5. CLAES ALSO ASKED FOR, AND GOT, ASSURANCES THAT THERE WOULD BE A UN INQUIRY INTO HOW THE MURDERS OF THE 10 BELGIAN BLUE HELMETS CAME ABOUT.

6. WILLEMS HAD HAD A REPORT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL INFORMAL MEETING AND THANKED THE USG FOR THE POSITION WE TOOK ON NEEDING A TIMELY DECISION ON WITHDRAWAL OF UNAMIR IN THE CURRENT SECURITY CONDITIONS (REF D). HE HOPED THAT IN THE CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES, THE USG WOULD CONTINUE TO SUPPORT A DECISION WHICH,

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7. AS FOR THE EVACUATION, THE BELGIAN PARATROOPERS HAVE

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MANAGED TO EVACUATE MOST BELGIANS IN KIGALI WHO WANTED TO
GET OUT. WILLEMS THOUGHT THERE WERE SOME 12 LEFT IN THE
CITY AND PERHAPS SOME IN THE COUNTRYSIDE WHOM THE
PARATROOPERS HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO REACH. EFFORTS WERE
CONTINUING. BELGIUM WOULD NOT WITHDRAW ITS NATIONAL
PARATROOPERS AT LEAST UNTIL AT LEAST SOME TIME 4/14.
DECISIONS ARE BEING MADE BY THE DAY NOW. A USDAO SOURCE

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LIAISING WITH THE BELGIAN MILITARY REPORTED SEPARATELY
THAT THE BELGIANS HAD EVACUATED 814 BELGIANS AND 184 OTHER
NATIONALITIES BY AIR AND 360 BELGIANS AND 190 OTHER
NATIONALITIES BY ROAD AS OF MORNING 4/13.

8. SOME OF THE FRENCH TROOPS HAD BEEN WITHDRAWN, BUT
OTHERS WERE STILL AT THE AIRPORT. WILLEMS UNDERSTOOD THE

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FRENCH WOULD LEAVE SOME TROOPS AT THE AIRPORT AT LEAST WHILE THE RWANDAN ARMY (FAR) CONTROLLED THE AREA AROUND THE AIRPORT, WHICH IT CONTINUED TO DO BY BELGIAN REPORTS. IF THE RPF TOOK THE AREA AROUND THE AIRPORT, HE UNDERSTOOD THE FRENCH WOULD WITHDRAW THEIR TROOPS.

9. BOTH THE BELGIAN AND FRENCH EMBASSIES IN RWANDA HAD BEEN ORDERED TO CLOSE. THE BELGIAN AMBASSADOR HAD LEFT THE COUNTRY "IN THE INTEREST OF HIS PERSONAL SECURITY." FIVE MEMBERS OF THE BELGIAN EMBASSY REMAINED IN PLACE AT THE AIRPORT BUT WOULD LEAVE KIGALI AT THE END OF THE EVACUATION OPERATION.

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